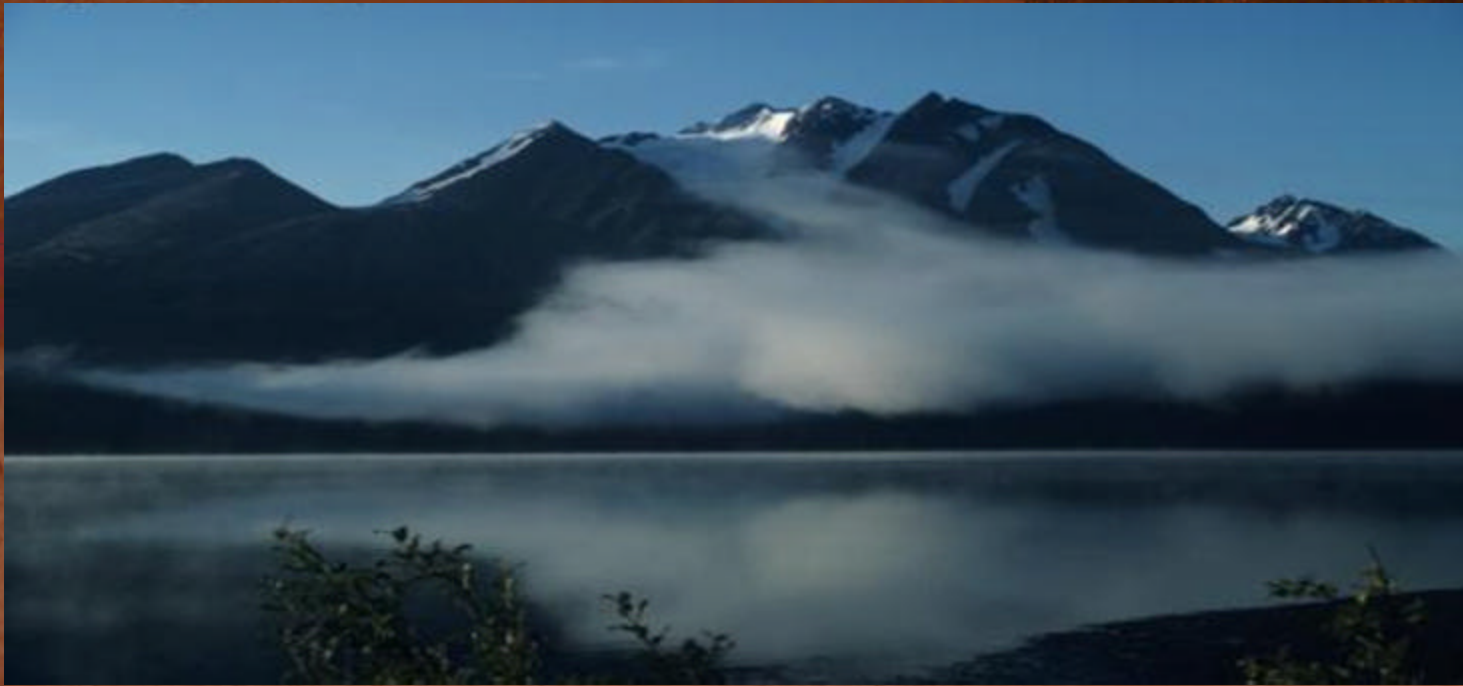


# Opportunities for Investing in Restoration Work in Montana



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# Manual in Conjunction With

- Wildlands CPR and Road Decommissioning Funding Source Report
  - [www.wildlandscpr.org](http://www.wildlandscpr.org)
- Montana Governor's Restoration Forum 2006
  - June 8 – 9, Billings Sheraton Hotel
  - [www.restorationforum.mt.gov](http://www.restorationforum.mt.gov)





# Restoration Overview

- Restoration constitutes what?
  - Returning areas to their “natural” state
  - Reestablish fully-functioning ecosystems
  - National Restoration Principles
- Restoration applies to...?
  - Forest lands, watersheds, grasslands
  - Socio-economic factors, community revitalization, sustainable rural economies, cultural preservation



# Montana's Restoration Economy

- State administered watershed restoration programs for 2000-2005 totaled over \$70 million.
- After matching/leveraged \$\$ we could be looking at nearly \$300 million.
- Two small firms in W MT spent \$150,000 - \$200,000 on restoration in 2005.

# Funding Overview

- Funding sources limited only by your imagination and definition of restoration
- Funding types:
  - Private Funding  
(Foundations, Organizations, Individuals, etc.)
  - Federal Programs  
(also State, County, etc.)
  - Ballot Measures  
(City, County, State)



# The I & R Process

- 24 States have an I & R Process (16 are Western)
- Initiative: Individual or group draft a proposed law or constitutional amendment and go directly to the voters
- Referendum: Measure passed by the legislature but not effective till passed by the voters

## Pros:

- Promote government responsiveness
- Open, educated discourse
- Direct democracy

## Cons:

- Citizens not always the best judge
- Educating the public difficult
- Special interest influence



# Montana and the I & R Process

- 52% of ballot initiatives passed
- About 1% of conservation initiatives passed
- 2004 I-147 Voted down (Cyanide use in gold mining)
- Value of environment and long term economic health



"Know Thy Voter"



# California

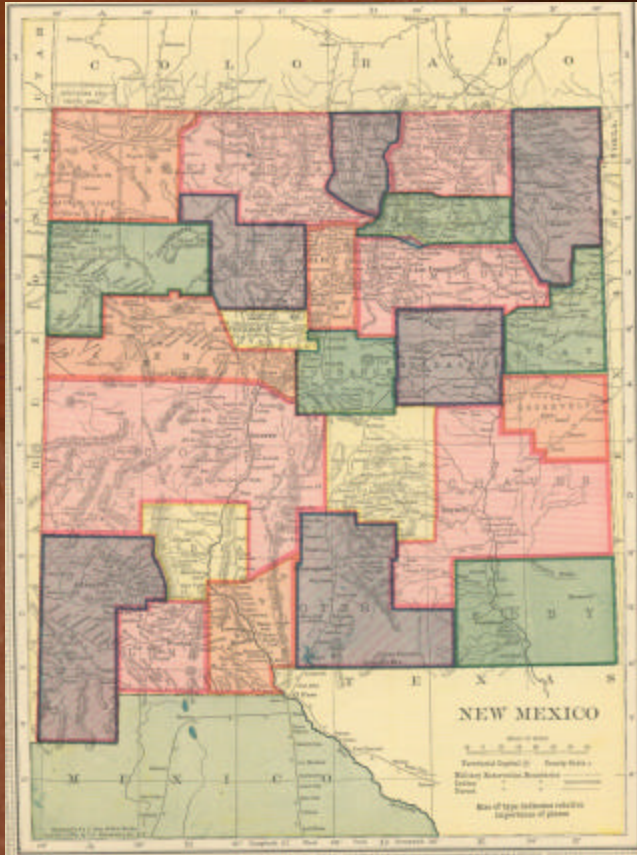


- Proposition 40, 2002
  - \$2,600,000,000 total
  - State park development
  - Restoration, habit protection
  - Land & water resource restoration, protection
- Proposition 50, 2002
  - \$3,440,000,000 total
  - Water quality, supply and safe drinking water projects



# New Mexico

- HR 2389
  - From US House of Representatives
  - Cost-share grants to stakeholders for forest restoration projects on public lands
- HB 910: Watershed Restoration Act
  - From NM Legislature
  - Directed Sec. of Energy to develop a comprehensive watershed restoration strategy
  - Became the Forest and Watershed Health Plan





# Arizona



- The “Guiding Principles for a New Economy Based on Forest Restoration”
  - What a viable restoration economy should look like (tourism, recreation, community, reasonable predictability and risk)
  - Create public and private financial incentives



# Other Funding Resources



- Funding Sources for Road Decommissioning Projects
- CFDA
- Federal Agencies
- WV: Funding Sources for Highlands Action Plan
- Tribes



# Restoration Work & Montana's Future



- Examine other western states' successes and failures
- A MT Restoration Task Force
- A MT Guiding Principles Document
- Ballot Measures



# Questions...

